

WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR EVALUATION OF APPELLATE BRIEFS

The Washington State Office of Public Defense will be conducting an evaluation of briefs written by contract attorneys representing indigent persons in their appeals from Superior Court cases including criminal convictions, termination of parental rights, and involuntary commitments. An estimated 180 briefs will be evaluated according to a standardized scoring sheet. Each brief will be evaluated by two evaluators. Scoring and discussion of briefs will be required. An average of 0.75 hour per brief has been sufficient in past evaluations. Compensation will be at \$100 per hour.

Evaluation of the briefs will occur from April 1, 2007 through June 4, 2007. Evaluations may begin earlier if necessary to accommodate the work schedules of the evaluators. Discussion of briefs is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 4 at a time convenient for the evaluators.

Qualifications

Evaluators must be Washington State Bar Association members in good standing, and must be either currently serving as legal writing instructors/professors or have served in the past as legal writing instructors/professors at a Washington State law school. Knowledge of Washington criminal law and appellate brief writing procedures is required. Current Washington State OPD contractors are not eligible for this contract.

Application Procedure

To apply, submit a letter of interest, resume and three professional references to be received by 4 p.m., Monday, February 12 to:

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Applications may be submitted by fax or email if desired. Please address any questions to Mary Jane Ferguson at the above email address.